Meeting the Challenges of the Rural South through Land-Grant Scholarship and Outreach Education

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The SRDC staff compiles Grant Connections primarily for the faculty of colleges and universities in the South to provide funding information in support of activities in agricultural economics, education, human sciences, rural sociology, youth development, and other related disciplines. To document the value Grant Connections is having for you and your colleagues, please let us know if you receive funding from this information. If you have sources of funding that should be monitored, please contact the Southern Rural Development Center at 662-325-3207.

SARE Producer Grants

Funding Source
Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

Funds Available
$10,000 for individual producers and $15,000 for producer organizations

Deadline
November 15, 2006

Overview
The Southern Region SARE Producer Grant program is requesting grant proposals from producers or producer organizations interested in conducting research or marketing projects related to sustainable agriculture.

Any producer or organization in the Southern Region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) is eligible to apply.

Projects should be innovative, generate results that are useful beyond one year and produce information that many farmers can use. Successful proposals include cooperators such as other farmers, researchers, extension agents or specialists; an outreach plan for providing others an opportunity to learn from the project; and clear goals to ensure the project’s success.

For More Information
Online, visit http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/producerpage.htm

SARE On-Farm Research Grants

Funding Source
Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

Funds Available
Up to $15,000 per project

Deadline
November 15, 2006

Overview
The Southern Region SARE Program is requesting grant proposals from extension, NRCS and/or non-governmental personnel who work with farmers/ranchers in the Southern Region and are interested in conducting on-farm research or marketing projects related to sustainable agriculture.

On-farm grant research projects must be developed, coordinated and led by extension, NRCS and/or non-governmental organization personnel who work with farmers/ranchers and who will conduct the on-farm research
Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs

**Funding Source**: National Science Foundation  
**Funds Available**: $16.25 million  
**Deadline**: December 4, 2006  
**Overview**: The SBIR/STTR Programs stimulate technological innovation in the private sector by strengthening the role of small business concerns in meeting federal research and development needs, increasing the commercial application of federally supported research results and fostering and encouraging participation by socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses.

The STTR program requires researchers at universities and other research institutions to play a significant intellectual role in the conduct of each STTR project. These university-based researchers, by joining forces with a small company, can spin-off their commercially promising ideas while they remain primarily employed at the research institution. Only firms qualifying as a small business concern are eligible to participate.

**For More Information**  
Online, visit http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10763

National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program

**Funding Source**: Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), U.S. Department of Agriculture  
**Funds Available**: $181 million  
**Deadline**:Varies by program  
**Overview**: The purpose of the NRI Program is to support research, extension and education grants that address key problems of national, regional and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of agriculture (farming, ranching, forestry including urban and agroforestry, aquaculture, rural communities, human nutrition, processing, etc.).

Providing this support requires that NRI advance fundamental sciences in support of agriculture and coordinate opportunities to build on these discoveries. Building on these discoveries will necessitate new efforts in education and extension that deliver science-based knowledge to people, allowing them to make informed practical decisions. In FY 2007, the NRI Program will accept applications for fundamental research, mission-linked research, and integrated research, extension and education projects.

**For More Information**  
Online, visit http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/nri_rfa.html

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation Grants

**Funding Source**: Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation (private foundation)  
**Funds Available**: $2 million  
**Deadline**: February 1, 2007  
**Overview**: Applicants must be not-for-profit organizations located in the Southeastern United States. The foundation supports:

- grassroots groups and networks in low-wealth communities that are poised to expand their scale of impact
- statewide or regional organizations and networks that are achieving large-scale impact
- both new approaches and proven strategies that link together grassroots and larger organizations.

Competitive applicants will have clear, promising strategies for moving people and places out of poverty, including systems or policy change at the local, state or regional level. All applicants must have meaningful connections with low-wealth people and communities.

**For More Information**  
Online, visit http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=94605;jsessionid=94605;features=1;view=Summary;mode=VIEW&oppId=10763
Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

November 15, 2006

The Southern Region SARE Program is requesting grant proposals from Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation (private foundation) both new approaches and proven strategies that link together statewide or regional organizations and networks that are achieving $5 million $2 million

 Individuals from communities and organizations across America are asked Continuous until May 2007

 Overview

 The purpose of this program is to foster interdisciplinary studies to improve our understanding of the interactions between the economic and environmental components important to the long-term viability, competitiveness and efficiency of small and medium-sized farms (including social, biological and other components, if necessary). Grants for this program will not exceed $500,000.

 For More Information

 Online, visit http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/

 My Hometown Helper Grants

 Funding Source General Mills, Hamburger Helper
 Funds Available Up to $15,000 per project
 Deadline Continuous until May 2007
 Overview

 Individuals from communities and organizations across America are asked to submit a written essay describing how the grant would help improve their community project. Applicants can request a one-time award of between $500 and $15,000 during any single month. All requests must be sponsored by a municipal or civic organization or public school. Examples of possible community projects include: computers for the local library, clean-up projects and training for volunteer firefighters. Funds will be awarded based on the merit of the project, including its impact on and support within the community.

 For More Information

 Online, visit http://www.myhometownhelper.com/